Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal simultaneously, the dates/schedule of which will be decided by the Commission in due course.

(c) to (e) According to the Election Commission, it plans to make the identification of electors at polling booths compulsory during these elections. In this regard, it has informed that the coverage of Electors' Photo Identity Cards in Punjab is now 74.4% which is higher than the all India average of 63.5%

Delay in Court proceedings

1466. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of the widow of L.N. Mishra after awaiting justice for over 26 long years in the case of his assassination in 1975 when he was the then Union Minister for Railways because of the unending delays in the court proceedings; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government with regard to the infinite justice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Private Participation in Development of Ports in Karnataka

1467. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to allow private participation in the development of minor / major ports in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of private investment and Government participation; and

(c) if not, whether Government would extend financial assistance to develop Karnataka ports as commercially viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No such request has come from Government of Karnataka. While the major ports are within the jurisdiction of the Central Govt., ports other than major ports (minor ports) are within the administrative control of the State Government concerned. Development of minor ports through private sector participation is within the purview of respective State Government.